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*"do not just slay your demons;
dissect them and find what they've been feeding on"*

- The Man Frozen In Time

From: Col Stephan <colleen.stephan@gmail.com>
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Hello and good evening, Honorable Hopkinton Town Council members,

I am a Hopkinton resident and abutter to the Skunk Hill proposed solar plant. I am your friend and neighbor.

Tonight, we will discuss the Skunk Hill project in the town meeting. I am writing to you now, before the meeting, to please ask you to veto large scale solar in Hopkinton.

Three years ago when I purchased my home here, I fell in love with the area.

*I didn't sign up for **this** when I bought my house in Hopkinton.*

*I never dreamed that the town would spot zone a residential parcel to build a huge industrial power utility in my neighborhood, next to my house. You cannot approve **this**. Please, please don't **do this** to me!*

My entire livelihood and investment is in this house in Hope Valley.

I do not enjoy any generational wealth that has blessed the town namesakes. Nor will I benefit from the massive wealth that will benefit the solar companies and CEOs, nor the former owner who multiplied the value of their land from their forefathers, nor the town itself.

My home here is all I have. It is not fair that MY FAMILY'S FUTURE will be reduced -- and it will - if solar sprawl is erected behind my kitchen and bedroom windows. This solar development only hurts my home value and my neighbors home values by a significant percentage. Because, truly no one wants to live next to a solar plant, never mind live or drive everyday by ugly dirt mountains that attempt to mask the arrays.

The woodsy foliage is absent or barely there to hide neighboring fences from October through May - that is, 7 months of staring at sticks and dead silence. Which would be made unbearable by having to look out at solar arrays and hearing and feeling the incessant hum of electricity being manufactured and stored. I recall there were site visits planned around now, and I am sure all the great sales pitches basked in the green and glorious lush July scene. Which, as you know, is really just spectacular in town this time of year and why I love this town and area so much. But, this is not at all the scene from the other three seasons of the year.

I do not have kids yet pay taxes for the betterments of all youth in this area. With this proposal, I feel hit, now both my taxes and home value will have managed to find a way to take their shares out of both ends of my pockets.

I take care of my home and yard to keep our neighborhood attractive and rural. This area is undeniably the most desirable region in the state. And, so it goes, in 40 years, it will be all that is left in RI as a natural resource. We need to protect it for all and not succumb to short promises.

Please, do not approve any large scale solar in Hopkinton. Not on Skunk Hill, not anywhere, not anymore.

The race for solar sprawl needs to end. It is time; the solar companies feel no remorse for your time or money wasted. Nor do they care about the collateral cost of doing business. Please consider and vote no to preserve our town character and natural value.

Thank you immensely for your time and consideration.

*Colleen Stephan
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